

*Members of the public are invited to*

**CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

**State Project No. 0147-0062 Replacement of Bridge No. 04805 Forge Hill Road over Pachaug River**

**Voluntown**

Tuesday February 20, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Register: <http://portal.ct.gov/DOTVoluntown147-62>

YouTube Livestream: <https://portal.ct.gov/ctdotvpimarchive>

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the community an opportunity to learn about the proposed project and allow an open discussion of any views and comments concerning the proposed improvements. A Q&A session will immediately follow the presentation.

The purpose of the project is to replace Bridge No. 04805, which carries Forge Hill Road over Pachaug River. The proposed 34'-0" long replacement structure is a prestressed concrete solid deck beam bridge that will address the poor condition of the superstructure and restore two-way traffic. The superstructure will be supported by concrete abutments with foundations designed to resist scour. An aesthetically pleasing 3-tube open bridge rail system meeting current design standards is proposed along each fascia. The proposed 22'-0" wide roadway will be reconstructed approximately 200 feet at the south approach, approximately 350 feet along Wylie School Road/North Shore Road, and at the intersection of the three roads. A sidewalk will be added to the east side of the bridge, and there will be a westerly shift in the horizontal alignment to improve the intersection of the three roads. A temporary bridge will maintain traffic during construction, but truck traffic will be detoured through a 7.5-mile detour route around the bridge.

There are right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed improvements, requiring a partial property take (1 property), and temporary easements (3 properties), drainage easements (3 properties), and permanent slope easements (3 properties).

Construction is anticipated to begin Spring 2026 based on the availability of funding, acquisition of rights of way, and approval of permit(s). The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$4.36 Million. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with 80% federal funds and 20% state funds.

Please register for the virtual public information meeting at <http://portal.ct.gov/DOTVoluntown147-62>. Registration is required to participate. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the meeting.

Members of the public can submit comments and questions during the two-week public comment period following the meeting.

Please direct comments and questions by March 5, 2024 to: DOT-FLBP@ct.gov and 860-594-2020 or Andrew Shields, Andrew.Shields@ct.gov; (860)594-2077.

ACCESSIBILITY

This meeting will also be livestreamed on YouTube, and closed captioning will be available. Non-English translation options will be available on Zoom and YouTube. The recording will also be available on CTDOT's YouTube Virtual Public Information Meeting playlist: <https://portal.ct.gov/ctdotvpimarchive>

Persons with limited internet access, use the call-in number 877-853-5257 and enter Meeting ID 842 1225 9558. Persons with limited internet access may also request that project information be mailed to them within one week by contacting Andrew Shields, Andrew.Shields@ct.gov; (860)594-2077.

Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS).

Language assistance may be requested by contacting CTDOT's Language Assistance Call Line (860) 594-2109. Requests should be made at least five business days prior to the meeting. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public and efforts will be made to respond to timely requests for assistance.